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People in the News

Loeb Files Libel Suit

The publisher of the Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader filed a \$5 million libel suit yesterday in U.S. District Court charging the Boston Globe Newspaper Co. with publishing an article that was damaging to his character.

The suit, filed by William Loeb, said the Globe published an article March 7 about Loeb that was taken from the New Republic but changed by additions and deletions.

The suit said the article contained statements that Loeb "edits his paper like a 19th century yellow journal," that his views are "venomous" and that he runs a paper "by paranoids for paranoids." The case was assigned to Judge Frank J. Murray.

The conservative position of Loeb's paper, always figured heavily in New Hampshire politics, took on even more prominence in the state's recent primary as a result of his attacks on Democratic presidential contender Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, and Muskie's criticism.—UPI



William Loeb